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DARTMOUTH STUDENT PLEADS TO PRODUCING FALSE ID'S

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono today **announced** that David Seidman, 21 of Lake Oswego, Oregon, pleaded guilty to one count of aiding and abetting the production of false identification documents while a student at Dartmouth College. The United States District Court scheduled a sentencing hearing for August 29, 2003.

Seidman waived indictment and entered his guilty plea to an Information charging him with one count of aiding and abetting in the production of fake driver's licenses, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1028(a)(1). The federal statute prohibits the production of false identification documents and includes driver's licenses within the definition of false identification documents.

The government has alleged that Seidman and another former Dartmouth College student, Thomas Allason, produced fake driver's licenses purporting to be from Florida, New Mexico and California. Each license sold for between \$80 to \$100. The licenses were marketed over the internet and were sold mostly to other students or other underage individuals. The licenses were produced through the use of computer software that created a template nearly identical to that used by the official issuers of the licenses.

Seidman faces a statutory term of imprisonment of up to 15 years and a fine of up to \$250,000. The Hanover Police Department and the United States Secret Service investigated the case. This case is being handled by Assistant U. S. Attorney Don Feith.

Thomas Allason has yet to be arraigned on the charges alleged in his indictment. An indictment is merely the formal way of charging an individual with a crime. All persons are presumed innocent of any charge against them until the government proves guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.